

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:7573
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INTERNET GATEWAYS
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number and name of Private parties which have established Internet gateways in the country at present;
- (b) whether private satellite companies are offering, Satellite Internet connectivity (bandwidth) to the Indian Internet Service Providers (ISP);
- (c) if so, the details of the Satellite covering India;
- (d) whether the New Satellite INSAT-1C launched by India is ready for commercial operations to provide Internet Bandwidth to Internet Service Providers; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof;

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR COMMUNICATIONS

(SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

(a) At present, no private parties have established internet gateway in the country. However, In Principle approval for setting up of internet gateways has been given for Eighteen Internet Service Providers (ISPs) for setting up sixty six Internet gateways. The list is placed at Annex.A.

(b) Yes, Sir. The Government has permitted ISPs to obtain bandwidth from foreign satellites which are co-ordinated over India.

(c) The following satellites provide C-band coverage co-ordinated over India:-

JCSAT-3A, Palapa, ST1-A, NSS 703, PAS-4, Thaicom-3 and Intelsat

The following satellites provide Ku-band coverage co-ordinated over India:-

NSS 703, PAS-4 and PAS-7

(d) & (e) The new satellite INSAT 3B launched by India is ready for commercial operation for business Very Small Aperture Terminal (VSAT) services. It will not support international ISP gateways.

STATEMENT IN RESPECT OF PART (a) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 7573 FOR 15TH MAY REGARDING INTERNET GATEWAYS.

ANNEXTURE A

List of ISPs who have been given In Principle clearance for setting up of International Gateways for Internet

Sr No

Name of ISP Location

1. M/s Data Access (India) Pvt. Ltd. Delhi

2. M/s Internet Promoters India Ltd. Delhi

3. M/s Sigma Input Output Tech India Ltd. Hyderabad

Ahmedabad
Delhi
Chennai
Bangalore
Pune
Mumbai
Calcutta

4. M/s STPI Bangalore

Noida
Bhubaneswar
Hyderabad
Gandhi Nagar
Thiruvananthapuram
Navi Mumbai
Jaipur
Mohali
Mysore
Manipal
Coimbatore

5. M/s Jain Studios Ltd. Noida

6. M/s In Tech Net Ltd. Hyderabad

7 M/s Direct Internet Ltd. Delhi

8. M/s Satyam Infoway Ltd. Mumbai

Ahmedabad
Hyderabad
Pune
Cochin

9. M/s Bharti BT Internet Ltd. New Delhi

10. M/s Global Electronic Commerce Pvt. Ltd. Mumbai

Bangalore
New Delhi
Pune
Hyderabad
Calcutta
Ahmedabad
Chennai

11. M/s Elecclipse Network Pvt.Ltd. Ahmedabad

12. M/s Dishnet DSL Ltd. Chennai

Calcutta
Cochin
Pune
Bangalore
Hyderabad
New Delhi
Mumbai

13. M/s Macronet Chennai-C

Chennai-Ku
Calcutta-C
Calcutta-Ku
Gandhinagar-C
Gandhinagar-Ku
Patalganga-C
Patalganga-Ku
Mumbai-Ku

14. M/s GNFC Barauch

15. M/s Southern Online Services Ltd Hyderabad

16. M/s MTNL Mumbai

17. M/s Comsat Max Delhi

Bangalore
Chennai
Hyderabad
Calcutta

18 M/sWeikfield Mnemoniks Infonetwork Pvt Ltd Pune